

VILLA'S BLOOD TRAIL REVEALED IN SECRET RECORD HELD BY U. S.

Slaughter, Loot and Arson Told in Book Found on Dead Body of Lopez, Prime Assassin

OPENS WAY FOR SEARCH

EL PASO, Tex., March 15.—Villa's most cherished secrets, the secrets that have made the outlaw chief's career such a long one, are in the hands of the State Department at Washington today.

The diary is a handbook of slaughter and loot, an astounding revelation of the inside life and campaigns of the Villa forces. But it is not as a human document that the book is important to the State Department and the army.

Jotted Spanish notes reveal the mysteries that have enabled Villa to defy law, order and humanity in the northern hills. They disclose the hidden trails over which Villa led his men when pressed; they show where his cannon were hidden, and they disclose the names of the men who are smuggling arms to him as well as those who are acting as his agents along the border.

The dark pages of the book also tell of plotting that preceded the Santa Ysabel massacre, when 18 Americans were taken from a train and slaughtered, and the Columbus raid. For 16 days, the book indicates, Villa planned the Santa Ysabel outrage.

4500 CAVALRY REPORTED TO HAVE CROSSED LINE

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United States Army men were not so confident. They estimated it might be months before the American expedition ran him down. A spirit of near pessimism was reported from Columbus, where the main division to take up the Villa hunt was being outfitted.

Down to the rank and file, the soldiers were counting on a long campaign and possibly a year's work to two if Carranza troops oppose the American invasion.

Preparations for the campaign were going forward on a large scale. Trainloads of provisions and equipment have been moving through El Paso from eastern points for Columbus during the last 24 hours. Plans have been made for supplying the troops in Mexico. Gen. Luis Terrazas, Chihuahua millionaire cattleman, has contracted with the Government to provide the United States forces with fresh beef from his Mexican ranches.

A group of American cowboys was to accompany the expeditionary column to round up and kill the Terrazas cattle. Similar contracts were made with the Tomlins and the Corralitos Companies, American-owned cattle ranches in Mexico.

Although Constal Latcher denied there was anti-American feeling at Chihuahua City, 50 American refugees on their arrival here told of an anti-American demonstration. John Murray, head of the Y. M. C. A., there, said he was insulted when boarding the train and that the entire party was sent off with sneers and threats from a crowd of Mexicans.

SECOND U. S. EXPEDITION FORCE 3 MILES FROM LINE

HACHITA, Mex., March 15.—Supposedly only awaiting the arrival of the 1st Cavalry from Monterey, Cal., to complete the complement of the brigade, the second column of the punitive expedition is mobilized at Culberson's ranch, 50 miles south of here and three miles from the boundary. It is fully equipped and ready to start upon the march into Mexico.

It is believed here that camp will be broken and "forward march" sounded not later than tomorrow morning.

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"Villa Takes Two States; President Wilson Fleeing!"

NOGALES, Ari., March 15.—A weekly newspaper printed in Spanish in Durango last week and brought here today contained the "information" that Villa had taken the States of Texas and New Mexico and was pressing north. President Wilson and his family, it is said, were fleeing to Canada for safety.

commanded by Captain Benjamin D. Paulols, reached Columbus last night. The machines for the American aviators are now being set up at General Pershing's base, but they probably will not make their first reconnaissance until Friday.

Information from the advancing column will be transmitted to the border by couriers and by wireless. The wireless outfit is under command of Sergeant A. B. Malloy.

The exciting rumors as to the possible resistance by Carranza forces gave El Paso thrills during the early morning. All streets in the city were patrolled by guards armed with rifles and revolvers. The guards were particularly numerous in the Mexican quarters.

EXECUTION OF CARRANZA GENERAL AUGURS REVOLT

DOUGLAS, Ari., March 15.—Reports of a mutiny of Carranzistas at Ojinaga and the execution of their commander, General Rojas, one of Carranza's ablest commanders, were confirmed in the dispatch sent from Presidio of Texas this morning.

The revolt at Ojinaga was regarded here as adding a serious aspect to the situation. The American authorities have feared that Carranza's officers would be unable to control their men, and it was because of this fear that preparations were made for sending a strong force into Mexico instead of making a quick dash to catch Villa.

VILLISTAS RAID HACHITA. SAY CONFLICTING REPORTS

EL PASO, Tex., March 15.—A Villista band looted New Mexico last night and dashed homes in the outskirts of Hachita, according to reports to the El Paso and Southwestern Railroad here today.

The local police were informed that a large Carranzista force, not Villistas, had captured the town.

Still another report, supposed to be direct from Hachita, held that all was quiet there and that there had been no attack.

Early reports did not state whether the United States troops at Hachita engaged the raiders. Hachita is about 10 miles from the corner of a right angle made by the nearest international boundary line.

(Owing to the censorship, the most rigorous ever imposed by the United States, dissemination of these conflicting reports is impossible, and they are published only as reports.)

NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS CONFER IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The adjutants general of the various State National Guard Associations, including Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart, of Pennsylvania, assembled here today ostensibly to confer relative to amendments for improving the National Guard section of the House and Senate military bills, but it was reported they came here hurriedly at the request of the War Department.

The real reason for the conference is believed to concern the Mexican situation, and may herald the possibility of the Guardmen being called into service. The utmost secrecy is being maintained and no information was obtainable except that Guard matters in connection with the military bills probably would be discussed.

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This topographical map indicates how difficult the work of the United States Army may become if Villa escapes to either range of the Sierra Madre Mountains, between which lies the plateau that extends southward from El Paso to Mexico City. Villa is now believed to be making for the hills lying west of Chihuahua, where he will find plenty of friends and supporters.

each, two wagon trains and two baker companies from Fort Sam Houston.

The infantry will hold the base and guard the border while the cavalry pushes ahead.

Lieutenant W. F. Nichols, of the 7th Cavalry, is acting as quartermaster. A signal corps wireless station has been established here and another at Culberson's.

The column is fully equipped with cowboys who know the mountains of northern Mexico like a book. They will act as guides.

The El Paso and Southwestern Railway, upon which Hachita is situated, is guarded by infantry the greater part of the way between Douglas and this town.

(The absence of any mention in the foregoing dispatch of fighting at Hachita between Carranzistas and United States troops indicates that the rumors in El Paso of an invasion by Carranza's soldiers were false.)

"SHE MUST NOT BE ABDUCTED," SAYS MAYOR OF HAZEL DAWN

Baltimore Executive Refuses Use of Park for Movie

BALTIMORE, March 15.—Hazel Dawn was to have been abducted in Druid Hill Park yesterday, with all the accessories of a new sensational movie drama; but George Weiss, president of the park board, spoiled the plan. When he learned there would be a little love-making and an abduction in an automobile he said:

"I do not think it wise to have pictures of love-making or of kidnapping taken in Druid Hill Park. There are some patrons

of movies who believe the pictures are real, and I do not think it would be good advertisement for the park to be shown in connection with such scenes."

So he said no; but Mrs. Robert Garrett, prominent in society and in anti-suffrage circles, came to the rescue, and on her beautiful country estate the "Saleslady" was acted and filmed, and Mrs. Garrett enjoyed the show.

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MEN CAUGHT IN BUCKETSHOP RAIDS ACCUSE PROBERS

Prefer Criminal Charges Against Three Members of State Police

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 15.—Employees of the Union Securities Company who were caught in a raid by State police on alleged bucketshops on Friday began retaliatory measures last night by preferring criminal charges against two investigators of the Chicago Board of Trade and three members of the State police force.

George W. Burmeister, who is the Chicago board's chief investigator in the United States and Canada, was arrested on a charge of entering a building with intent to commit a felony, and is now at liberty under \$1000 bail.

Leigh Watson, one of Burmeister's investigators; Corporal H. G. Mauk, J. P. Danner and P. J. Stonebreaker, members of the State police force, were named in three other informations made last night before Alderman Williams, of Hazelwood, but they were not arrested.

FIRE DAMAGES SHIP

Herman Winter Beached After Flames Wreck Vessel

PORTLAND, Me., March 15.—Fire of mysterious origin damaged the American coastwise steamship Herman Winter early today. The vessel was beached. For several days the Herman Winter had been lying at the dock of the Eastern Steamship Company, being held up by a strike of freight handlers.

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CUMMINS VICTORIOUS IN MINNESOTA RACE

Republicans Select Senator as Their Choice for Presidential Nomination

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 15.—Senator A. B. Cummins, of Iowa, got four times as many votes as his nearest opponent, H. D. Eastbrooke, of New York, and was selected as Minnesota's choice for the Republican presidential candidate in yesterday's presidential preference primary, returns indicated today.

Absent scattering returns will only make the Cummins lead greater, politicians say. W. G. Webster, of Chicago, polled a light vote. William Sulzer, of New York leads E. N. Ross, of Massachusetts, for the Prohibition nomination.

Woodrow Wilson, Democrat, and Governor Hiram Johnson, of California, Progressive, were not opposed.

Cummins was strongly backed by the Minnesota branch of the German-American Alliance and the "Old Guard." A fight among Democratic delegates gave F. B. Lynch, old-time Democratic leader and national committeeman for many years, a victory that carried his opponents to berths.

Twenty-four Minnesota cities and villages voted "dry" and the "wets" carried 14.

Destroyer Porter Completes Tests The new torpedobomb destroyer Porter, recently built at Cramp's, has returned

The British Navy and the German Army were the two forces ready for this war, says Frederick Palmer who tells why in "The War's Lesson to Us," a dispassionate perspective of a year's intimacy with the European struggle—in this week's Collier's THE NATIONAL WEEKLY



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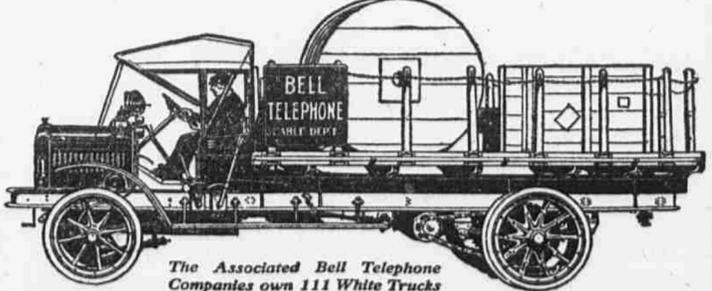
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